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Title: SHAPED SEAL FOR SEALING A POWER-OPERATED CLOSING DEVICE

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examining the application please amend the claims to read as follows, a copy of the claims showing the changes is attached as Attachment A.

CLAIMS

1. A shaped seal for sealing a power-operated closing device, including an anti-trap guard comprising at least two electrically conductive portions spaced away from each other, whose contact triggers a switching action for activating the drive assembly of said closing device, at least one of said portions being electrically conductive connected to a metallic conductor to reduce the volume resistivity, characterized in that said metallic conductor is configured as a carrier for securing said shaped seal and/or as a flange or frame to which said shaped seal is securable.

2. The shaped seal as set forth in claim 1, characterized in that said carrier contacts said electrically conductive portion.

3. The shaped seal as set forth in claim 1, characterized in that said carrier is surrounded partly or fully by said electrically conductive portion.

4. The shaped seal as set forth in claim 1, characterized in that said carrier is provided with recesses.

5. The shaped seal as set forth in claim 1, characterized in that said electrically conductive portion extends up to the outer side of said shaped seal.